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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. My report of 25 January 1996 (A/50/861) outlined a programme of future activities to be undertaken by the International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH) should the Haitian authorities make a request for an extension of its mandate.

2. On 9 February 1996, the President of Haiti addressed to me a letter requesting an extension of the mandate of MICIVIH. A copy of the letter is annexed. A similar request has also been addressed to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States (OAS). I accordingly recommend that the mandate of the United Nations component of MICIVIH be extended until 31 August 1996, at a reduced personnel level not exceeding 32 international staff and the required administrative and programme support, to be deployed by the United Nations. It is understood that OAS will provide another 32 international staff for the Mission and that the agreement of 13 January 1995 between the two organizations will continue in effect for the new mandate period.

3. MICIVIH would continue to have a central office and regional offices, the number and location of which would be decided in accordance with the programme needs and available resources. On the basis of reports from the field, MICIVIH would evaluate the progress of reforms, the functioning of institutions with regard to the protection of human rights and the impact of the programme to promote the protection of human rights. Based on these evaluations, MICIVIH would formulate recommendations and activities designed to build and consolidate the institutional capabilities required to protect and promote human rights in all parts of the country. MICIVIH would work in close cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations specialized agencies in Haiti, as well as with the United Nations Crime Prevention and

Criminal Branch in Vienna, the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and other human rights organs of OAS.

4. I am however obliged to reiterate my observation that, given the decisions on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 adopted by the General Assembly in resolution 50/215 and the cash-flow crisis that continues to afflict the Organization, it would be necessary for the Assembly to appropriate additional funds to cover the costs of MICIVIH for this further mandate period and for there to be assurances that those funds would be made available in the necessary time-scale.

Annex

[Original: French]

Letter dated 9 February 1996 from the President of Haiti addressed to the Secretary-General

Since the restoration of constitutional order, on 15 October 1994, significant progress towards the rehabilitation of democratic institutions and the promotion and protection of human rights has been made in my country.

The Haitian Government is grateful to the international community for the effective support provided in this great undertaking by the Organization of American States-United Nations International Civilian Mission in Haiti (MICIVIH).

The Haitian Government will strive resolutely to consolidate these achievements and lead the country towards the democratic development that the people longs for.

Convinced of the major role that MICIVIH can continue to play in this process, I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Haiti, to request the maintenance of the Mission in the country.

I should be grateful if you would transmit this request to the General Assembly.

(Signed) René PRÉVAL